

## **MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC/RESEARCH PROGRAMS/UNITS**

*Adopted January 8, 2009*

*The Board of Regents grants approval for the following Moratorium on the Consideration of Proposed New Academic/Research Programs/Units, as follows:*

- 1. The moratorium shall take effect immediately and through the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Prior to expiration of this term, the Board of Regents may reconsider the need for continuance and/or possible changes.*
- 2. This moratorium shall apply to all existing and anticipated proposals for new programs and units, with the following exceptions:*
  - a. Programs/units required and/or approved due to legal mandates (e.g., Desegregation Settlement Agreement);*
  - b. Programs/units which have completed all levels of review except final consideration by the Board of Regents (The related Letter of Intent must have already been approved by both appropriate management board and the Board of Regents. Further, the full program proposal must have already been approved by the appropriate management board and submitted to the Board of Regents for final review);*
  - c. Technical/workforce programs at institutions within the LCTCS and other community colleges;*
  - d. Programs/units deemed essential to completing program development required for institutional accreditation of emerging new institutions and/or previously authorized units (e.g., Louisiana Delta CC, Fletcher TCC, and Sowela TCC, etc.); and*
  - e. Programs/units deemed essential to ongoing teacher education reform efforts (those programs which lead to certification and/or licensure); and*
  - f. Other programs/units deemed essential to immediate and long-term economic development (wherein there is a well-established and clear connection with existing/new industry).*

*Considerable and definitive evidence will be required should an affected institution request review of a proposed new program/unit under any one of the exemptions above. In the case of a requested exemption under scenarios a., b., c., d., and e., only a written statement by the affected campus head (with approval of the appropriate management system) stating how the exemption will be met with an accompanying commitment to provision of required state funding regardless of current and*

*anticipated budget cuts will be required prior to Board consideration. In the case of requested exemption requests under scenario on f., however, the affected campus head and associated faculty/staff, (with approval of the appropriate management system) shall be required to appear before the Board of Regents to present a detailed explanation of potential beneficial economic impact and an accompanying commitment to provision of required state funding regardless of current and anticipated budget cuts.*

- 3. Previously approved Letters of Intent for proposed programs/units currently on file which do not fit one of the exemptions above will remain current for three years after the term of the moratorium has expired. Related program proposals will not be accepted during the term of the moratorium without fulfilling exemptions detailed in section 2 above.*
- 4. Colleges and universities may continue to submit proposed Letters of Intent for projected new programs which do not fit into one of the exemptions above with the understanding that approved Letters of Intent will not become active until after the moratorium has been lifted and will remain current for three years after the term of the moratorium has expired.*